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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BUDD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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# A BILL

To provide defense and security assistance to ensure the survival of Israel and its people from an existing or imminent military threat, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “America Stands with  
5 Israel Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY TO ADDRESS EXISTING OR IMMINENT**  
2 **MILITARY THREAT TO ISRAEL.**

3 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—The President, upon request of the  
4 Prime Minister of Israel, is authorized to carry out such  
5 actions that may be necessary to ensure the survival of  
6 Israel and its people from an existing or imminent military  
7 threat, including threats from other countries, terrorist or-  
8 ganizations, and violent extremist, cyber, and chemical, bi-  
9 ological, and nuclear threats. Any activities carried out  
10 pursuant to such authority shall be conducted in a manner  
11 that appropriately protects the national security interests  
12 of the United States and the national security interests  
13 of Israel.

14 (b) **USE OF FORCE.**—

15 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—In carrying out subsection  
16 (a), the President is authorized to use force and in-  
17 troduce United States Armed Forces—

18 (A) into hostilities or into situations where  
19 imminent involvement in hostilities is clearly in-  
20 dicated by the circumstances;

21 (B) into the territory, airspace or waters of  
22 a foreign country, while equipped for combat; or

23 (C) in numbers which substantially enlarge  
24 United States Armed Forces equipped for com-  
25 bat already located in a foreign country.

1           (2) REPORT.—Not later than 48 hours after ex-  
2           ercising the authority under this subsection, the  
3           President shall submit to the Speaker of the House  
4           of Representatives and to the President pro tempore  
5           of the Senate a report, in writing, setting forth—

6                   (A) the circumstances necessitating the in-  
7                   troduction of United States Armed Forces;

8                   (B) the constitutional and legislative au-  
9                   thority under which such introduction took  
10                  place; and

11                  (C) the estimated scope and duration of  
12                  the hostilities or any other situation described  
13                  in paragraph (1).

14           (c) OTHER INFORMATION TO BE REPORTED.—The  
15           President shall provide such other information as Con-  
16           gress may request in the fulfillment of its constitutional  
17           responsibilities with respect to exercising the authority  
18           under subsection (b).

19           (d) PERIODIC REPORTS; SEMIANNUAL REQUIRE-  
20           MENT.—Whenever United States Armed Forces are intro-  
21           duced into hostilities or into any other situation described  
22           in subsection (b), the President shall, so long as such  
23           Armed Forces continue to be engaged in such hostilities  
24           or situation, report to Congress periodically on the status  
25           of such hostilities or situation as well as on the scope and

1 duration of such hostilities or situation, but in no event  
2 shall the President report to Congress less often than once  
3 every six months.

4 **SEC. 3. WAIVER FOR EXISTING OR IMMINENT MILITARY**  
5 **THREAT TO ISRAEL.**

6 Section 38 of the Arms Export Control Act (22  
7 U.S.C. 2778) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
8 lowing:

9 “(1) WAIVER FOR EXISTING OR IMMINENT MILITARY  
10 THREAT TO ISRAEL.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Upon receiving information  
12 that Israel is under an existing or imminent threat  
13 of military attack, the President may waive the re-  
14 quirements of this Act and direct the immediate  
15 transfer to Israel of such defense articles or services  
16 the President determines to be necessary to assist  
17 Israel in its defense against such threat. Amounts  
18 obligated or expended to carry out this paragraph  
19 shall not be subject to any limitation in law, or pro-  
20 vision of any bilateral agreement, relating to the  
21 amount of United States assistance authorized to be  
22 made available to Israel.

23 “(2) NOTIFICATION REQUIRED.—As soon as  
24 practicable after a transfer of defense articles or  
25 services pursuant to the authority provided by para-

1 graph (1), the President shall provide a notification  
2 in writing to Congress of the details of such trans-  
3 fer, consistent with the requirements of section 36 of  
4 this Act.”.